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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PELMULDER ET AL.

Examiner

Michael Koczko, Jr.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 20 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17-19 and 21-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06-28-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

The species of figures 1, 3, 4 and 5, respectively.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 to 20 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the

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examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

During a telephone conversation with Alan A. Limbach on May 10, 2005 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the species of figure 1. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action.

Claims 4 to 6 stand withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: numerals 20 (page 3, line 26) and 46 (page 4, line 9).

The drawings are objected to because of the following reasons:

The reference numerals and the figure numbers are not drawn uniformly.

Figures 3 to 5 are of poor quality.

Parts in section must be hatched and parts in elevation must be shaded.

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Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 4, lines 22 and 23, it is not understood what is the meaning of “solid tube-shaped member”. This expression is contradictory because a tube is hollow by definition.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 8 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The scope of these claims cannot be ascertained because the meaning of “tube shaped” is unclear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 to 3, 7, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either of Vadot, Seyler or Becher et al. Each of these references discloses a pump having a compression surface and a compression tube secured to a channel in the compression surface via an integral rib. Each roller individually is readable as a “compression means”. It can be seen in the figures that each roller has a position where it does not compress the compression tube. Regarding claim 10, any position wherein a roller compresses the compression tube is readable as a second rest position.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9, 11 to 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kayahara et al. in view of Seyler. Kayahara et al. disclose a pump assembly having a pump housing 2 defining a cavity, a roller 4 in the cavity, a motor 8 for moving the roller, and a cassette assembly 3 removably disposed in the cavity. The cassette assembly has a cassette housing with a compression surface 24, and a tube 17 abutting the compression surface. However, Kayahara et al. do not disclose that the compression tube is secured to the compression surface, and that the roller arm is spring loaded. Seyler discloses a pump wherein the tube is secured to the compression surface via an integral rib 20 in order to prevent displacement of the tube during operation of the pump. Figure 13 shows spring loaded arms which prevent an over-pressure condition from occurring which could burst the tube. In view of these teachings, it would have been obvious to secure the tube of Kayahara et al. to the compression surface via an integral rib, and to spring load the arm 6.

Claims 11 and 17 to 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hyman et al. in view of Seyler. Hyman et al. disclose a pump assembly having a pump housing 2 defining a cavity, a roller 48 in the cavity, a motor for moving the roller, and a cassette assembly 12 removably disposed in the cavity. The cassette assembly has a cassette housing with a

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compression surface 46, and a tube 40 for being compressed against the compression surface.

The pump includes an upper housing portion 30 which is hingedly attached to a lower housing portion 10. The pump includes a cassette sensor 320 for sensing that the cassette assembly is disposed in the cavity, and a sensor 330 for sensing that the upper pump housing portion is positioned in a closed position relative to the lower pump housing portion. However, Hyman et al. do not disclose that the compression tube is secured to the compression surface. Seyler discloses a pump wherein the tube is secured to the compression surface via an integral rib 20 in order to prevent displacement of the tube during operation of the pump. In view of this teaching, it would have been obvious to secure the tube of Hyman et al. to the compression surface via an integral rib.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17 to 19 and 21 to 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

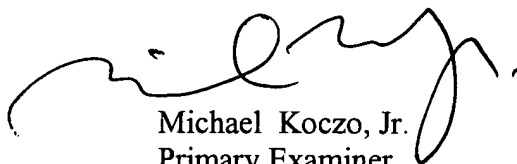
Any inquiry relating to patent applications in general should be directed to the Patent Assistance Center at 1-800-786-9199.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kocz, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4830. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th; 7:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy S. Thorpe can be reached at 571-272-4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Koczo, Jr.', is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Koczo, Jr.
Primary Examiner
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